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SUBJ: U. S. EXPLANATION OF VOTE IN SC MEETING ON SANCTIONS  
AGAINST SOUTHERN RHODESIA

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EXPLANATION OF U. S. VOTE DELIVERED  
BY AMB. SCALI IN SC MEETING ON SANCTIONS AGAINST SR MAY 22.  
( RES ON SANCTIONS REPORT -- S/10927-- VOTE WAS 12 IN FAVOR,  
0 AGAINST, 3 ABSTENTIONS ( U. S., UK, FRANCE); RES TO EXTEND  
SANCTIONS T O SOUTH AFRICA AND PORTUGAL -- S/10928-- VOTE WAS  
11 IN FAVOR, 2 AGAINST ( U. S., UK), TWO ABSTENTIONS ( FRANCE,  
AUSTRIA);

MR. PRESIDENT,

WHEN I SPOKE IN THE COUNCIL MAY 16 I UNDERLINED  
THE IMPORTANCE THAT MY GOVERNMENT PLACES ON THE SANCTIONS  
AGAINST SOUTHERN RHODEISA. LOOKING AT THE RESOLUTION  
CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT S/10927 AS A WHOLE, I WISH TO  
EMPHASIZE THAT MY DELEGATION IS IN SYMPATHY WITH ITS  
GENERAL AIMS. WE STRONGLY HOPE THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS  
IT CONTAINS WILL CONTRIBURE SIGNIFICANTLY TO MAKING  
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SANCTIONS MORE EFFECTIVE.

WE WOULD, THEREFORE, HAVE LIKED VERY MUCH TO HAVE  
VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION, BUT WERE UNABLE TO DO  
SO BECUASE OF OUR DOMESTIC LEGISLATION AND PRACTICAL

PROBLEMS WITH SOME OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WERE DISCUSSED BUT NOT AGREED TO IN THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE

THE IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN STRATEGIC MATERIALS FROM SOUTHERN RHODESIA INTO THE UNITED STATES HAS AGAIN BEEN RAISED IN THE COUNCIL. I WISH IT NOTED THAT THESE MATERIALS IN 1972 AMOUNTED TO LESS THAN 5 PERCENT OF THE PROJECTED TOTAL OF RHODESIAN EXPORT EARNINGS FOR THAT YEAR, MY GOVERNMENT HAS COOPERATED WITH THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE IN FULLY REPORTING THESE IMPORTS. WE WISH OTHER IMPORTERS OF RHODESIAN COMMODITIES WOULD DO THE SAME. WE WOULD THEN KNOW A GREAT DEAL MORE THAN WE DO NOW KNOW ABOUT HOW SOUTHERN RHODESIA IS SURVIVING SANCTIONS. THIS DOES NOT DETRACT, HOWEVER, FROM OUR COMPLETE SUPPORT FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING SANCTIONS MADE IN PARAS 10 THRU 22 OF THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE' S SECOND SPECIAL REPORT. WE ARE ALSO FULLY IN FAVOR OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 8 OF THE RESOLUTION. IN PARTICULAR, WE BELIEVE THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR IN OPERATIVE PARA 8 WILL PROVE USEFUL IN EVALUATING THE SANCTIONS PROGRAM AND WE HOPE ALL STATES WILL COOPERATE.

OUR DIFFICULTIES WITH PARAS 5, 6 AND 7 WERE MADE CLEAR BY MY DELEGATION DURING THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE' S LONG DELIBERATIONS, AND THERE IS NO NEED TO ELABORATE FURTHER. HOWEVER, I WISH TO ASSURE THIS COUNCIL WE WILL ADHERE STRICTLY TO THE BASIC PURPOSES AND INTENTS OF THESE PARAS.

THE SUBJECT OF THE SALE OF THREE BOEING AIRCRAFT TO SOUTHERN RHODESIA HAS BEEN RAISED BY SEVERAL SPEAKERS DURING THIS SESSION OF THE SC. THE US REPRESENTATIVE NOTED BEFORE THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE ON APRIL 16 THAT THREE BOEING AIRCRAFT, ACTUALLY 720' S, HAD APPEARED IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD AUTHORIZED NEITHER THE SALE OF ANY BOEING AIRCRAFT TO SOUTHERN RHODESIA NOR THE RE- EXPORT OF SUCH AIRCRAFT TO RHODESIA. I CAN  
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ADD THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT AUTHORIZE THE SERVICING OF THESE AIRCRAFT OR THE SALE OF SPARE PARTS. IT WAS ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE US WOULD LOOK INTO THE DETAILS OF WHEN AND HOW THE SALE TOOK PLACE. THIS INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AND WE ASSUME THAT GOVERNMENTS WHOSE NATIONS MAY BE INVOLVED ARE ALSO LOOKING INTO THE MATTER.

THERE IS LESS TO SAY ABOUT THE SECOND RESOLUTION. WE REGRET THAT IT WAS INTRODUCED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION. IT INCLUDES SEVERAL PROPOSALS THAT WERE DEBATED FULLY IN THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE ON WHICH MY DELEGATION AND OTHERS EXPRESSED THEIR STRONG RESERVATIONS. WHILE WE CAN WELL UNDERSTAND THE SENTIMENT BEHIND THE DRAFT RES, WE

CONSIDER IT UNREALISTIC TO CALL FOR BROADER SANCTIONS UNTIL  
THE FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE UN HAS DEMONSTRATED  
ITS WILLINGNESS TO TAKE MORE SERIOUSLY THE SANCTIONS  
ALREADY IN FORCE. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE DO NOT BELIEVE  
THIS RES WOULD ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF THE UN  
TO ACT EFFECTIELY. IN OUR VIEW, TO PASS  
A RES WHICH IS CLEARLY UNENFORCEABLE WILL  
SERIOUSLY DAMAGE THE REPUTATION AND CREDIBILITY OF  
THE UN AND FURTHER ERODE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE  
IN THE UN' S ABILITY TO ACT IN A MEANINGFUL WAY.

THIS CONSIDERATION AND THIS CONSIDERATION ALONE  
UNDERLIES MY GOVERNMENTS' DECISION TO VOTE AGAINST THIS  
RES. THOSE WHO IMPUTE OTHER MOTIVES STRAY FAR FAR  
FAR FROM THE FACTS AND I REJECT THESE ACCUSATIONS. THEY  
HAVE NO FOUNDATION AND DESERVE NO FURTHER REPLY.  
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